

## House Resolution 975

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Johnson of the 75<sup>th</sup>, Glanton of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Starr of the 78<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of Robert "Bob" Edward Youmans, Jr.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Edward Youmans, Jr., was born in Forest Park, Georgia, on  
4 February 26, 1953, to Robert Edward, Sr., and Frances Youmans; and

5 WHEREAS, he graduated from Forest Park High School before he attended Clayton State  
6 College and earned a business degree from Georgia State University; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob was a talented keyboard player and a self-taught musician with a passion  
8 for writing and playing music, and he formed his own successful band called "Secretz" that  
9 toured extensively across the United States for many years; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife, Forest Park City Councilwoman Debbie  
11 Youmans, working side by side with her and other elected officials on a number of  
12 community projects and serving as Debbie's campaign manager in two successful elections;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Bob was a local business owner, a political activist, and longtime member of  
15 the Clayton County NAACP; and

16 WHEREAS, Bob was one of the founders of the "Clayton Village" Anti-Gang Task Force,  
17 an organization formed in 2004 to address the rise in gang activity and the increased number  
18 of child murders in Clayton County; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a noted advocate of the Constitution and a staunch defender of voting  
20 rights who diligently monitored voting registration and elections in the area; and

1 WHEREAS, last year, Bob was elected third Vice President of the Clayton County  
2 Democratic Party, and was proud to serve; and

3 WHEREAS, Bob was a devoted family man who loved his wife with the passion of a  
4 newlywed, and he was a devoted father to Brandon and Brad; a proud grandfather to Elijah;  
5 a loving brother to Barbara; and a doting uncle to his niece, Jessica; and

6 WHEREAS, in harmony with the words of Matthew 23:11, "He that is greatest among you  
7 shall be your servant," Bob led an exemplary life as a faithful community servant of Forest  
8 Park, Georgia, and his legacy will undoubtedly touch countless lives in Georgia and  
9 elsewhere for years to come.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Robert  
12 "Bob" Edward Youmans, Jr., and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Robert "Bob"  
15 Edward Youmans, Jr.